

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 13th 2002

IRTS Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday January the 19th 2002 at the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Athlone.

WAI Activity

Worked All Ireland activity reached a peak over the last weekend of 2001 with no less than six mobiles out and about on Saturday December the 29th.

These were Fergus EI6IB, Brian EI8IU, Declan EI9HQ, Robert EI2IQ, Brendan EI6IZ and Noel EI6HW.

The new prices for the Worked All Ireland Scheme are as follows:

Award Certificates are 6 Euro and 50 cent, 5 pounds sterling or 10 US Dollars.
Endorsements now cost 4 Euro or 6 US dollars. WAI Books cost 8 Euro, 5 pounds sterling or 10 US dollars. This includes postage costs.

The books are available from Noel EI6HW at QTHR while all awards applications should be sent to Tom Rea EI2GP also QTHR.

Local activity continues on 7.068MHz while DX contacts are made on 21.317MHz.

Irish Hour

The last Sunday Irish Hour of 2001 on 21317 kHz at 1700 UTC on December the 30th had a record number of check ins. A sampling of calls to show the width and breath of the coverage follows: 4Z4UN, ZS6HRD, EA8/EI0CL, GI4RMA, EI8EM, 6Y5CN, W3KEN, WB9KOY, VE3EIK and W7DFO. W2MAT and Joe (W2ORA) served as net control. However, Joe was using the special event call K2A which may have attracted the more than usual number of check ins. This call has been issued to the South Jersey Radio Association (SJRA) for a few weeks. SJRA may be the oldest radio club in North America; their birthdate is 1916. A number of grid squares were given out for the WAI activity. Propagation was just fair but Ben EI8EQ managed to check in mobile in Dublin.

Cork Radio Club

CRC club meetings and classes have now resumed after the Christmas break. The club would like to offer congratulations to the following members who received their new callsigns. Tom Whelton who was issued the callsign EI8FXB and Alan Bennett who was issued EI8FWB.

Change of Website addresses

Due to circumstances beyond the webmasters control the web site address for the East Cork Radio Group, EI7M has had to be changed. The new address is 4c.ucc.ie/~cjgebruers/ei7m.htm

The web site address for the EI0TEN beacon has also had to be changed. The new address is 4c.ucc.ie/~cjgebruers/ei0ten.htm

Service will resume from the new addresses as soon as possible. Please note that unfortunately there is no automatic re-direction from the old address.

Atlantic 252

Atlantic 252 the high power long wave radio station located near Trim in Co. Meath, is no longer 80% owned by CLT (Radio Luxembourg). It has been purchased by an English Company that specializes in Sport. As of midnight on Wednesday the 2nd of January it ceased broadcasting as a music station and became a 24 hour sport only station and is now known as Teamtalk 252. Atlantic 252 first went on the air in September 1989 initially broadcasting for 12 hours a day before commencing 24-hour operation. RTE still hold a 20% interest in the station.

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo Rally will be held on Sunday March the 3rd 2002 in the Belmont Hotel, Knock. The IRTS AGM will be in the afternoon at the same venue, and the dinner dance will be on the Saturday evening. Details from Padraic EI9JA. E-mail rally@mayoren.net, or from the club web site at www.mayoren.net

IRTS Website

E-mail addresses for the contacts in the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will from now on change on a regular basis. The purpose of this is to eliminate the huge amount of junk mail received by the society. Up to date addresses can be found on the society's home page at www.irts.ie

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both news services.

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